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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of
4 Kimberly Boelkes of Knoxville, Illinois, who passed away on
5 April 16, 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, Kimberly Boelkes was born on February 24, 1956, in
7 Aledo; her parents were Ralph L. and Lois L. Toland Winkler;
8 she married Gary W. Boelkes on November 13, 1982; and

9 WHEREAS, Kimberly Boelkes graduated from Alexis High
10 School in 1974; she received a BS in home economics from
11 Western Illinois University in December 1978 and her MS in
12 education administration in June 1988; and

13 WHEREAS, Kimberly Boelkes began teaching with the Canton
14 Union School District 66 in January 1979; she taught Home
15 Economics from January 1979 to May 1990, including High School
16 Home Economics and Cooperative Education; she was also a
17 Cheerleading Sponsor; she was Vocational Director from June
18 1989 to June 1993, High School Assistant Principal from June
19 1990 to June 1993, Lincoln Elementary Principal from August
20 1993 to June 1994, and Eastview Elementary Principal from
21 August 1994 until her death; she was the Canton District Public
22 Relations Coordinator for 10 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Kimberly Boelkes was a member of the Alexis United
2 Presbyterian Church; she was a member of the Illinois
3 Principals Association since 1993, the Western Illinois
4 University Program Advisory Council since 1990, Phi Delta Kappa
5 since 1990, and Phi Kappa Phi since 1975; She was Canton
6 Teacher of the Year in 1982; she was awarded the WIU Krong
7 Award for Outstanding Master's Student in 1989, Outstanding
8 Principal IPA Western Region for 1996-97, National Blue Ribbon
9 School in 2003, Speaker Blue Ribbon Schools Conference in 2003,
10 Canton Woman of the Year in 2004, Spotlight School Illinois
11 Honor Role in 2005; she contributed to several educational
12 books and papers, including an article in Best practices of
13 Award-Winning Elementary School Principals; and

14 WHEREAS, Kimberly Boelkes was preceded in death by her
15 mother, Lois L. Toland Winkler; she was survived by her
16 husband, Gary W. Boelkes; her children, Garrett and Morgan; her
17 father, Ralph L. Winkler; her siblings, Todd Winkler, Tricia
18 Johnson, Stacey Rychtyk, and Kelly (Dr. Jim) Semrau; and 13
19 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 that we mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing
23 of Kimberly Boelkes; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Kimberly Boelkes and to the faculty,
3 staff and students of Eastview Elementary School as an
4 expression of our sympathy.